GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL LOSSES TO RAILWAY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

referring to Para 3.1.5 of C&AG Report No.9 of 2001 (Railways) - page 121-123 regarding `non-realisation of` `to pay` surcharge on coal consignment` and state:

(a) the details of the action taken thereon;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to apportion the blame and to fix the accountability and responsibility of the officials concerned for causing financial loss to the Railways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Comptroller and Auditor General vide Audit Para No.3.1.5 of its report No.9 of 2001(Railways) had reported regarding non-recovery of To-Pay surcharge of Rs.8.97 crore levied on coal consignments booked to Power Houses of Gujarat Electricity Board, as Gujarat Electricity Board had refused to pay the surcharge amount. The amount has since been recovered by Western Railway and Action Taken Note duly vetted by Audit has since been furnished to the Public Accounts Committee.

(b)&(c) As no loss has occurred to the Railways, responsibility has not been fixed.